

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IES UTILITIES INC.	DOCKET NO. WRU-98-39-151
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**ORDER RESCHEDULING HEARING, MODIFYING BRIEFING SCHEDULE,
AND GRANTING TEMPORARY WAIVER**

(Issued November 21, 2000)

On October 17, 2000, the Utilities Board (Board) issued a procedural schedule in Docket No. WRU-98-39-151. In that order, the hearing was scheduled for December 12, 2000. It is necessary to reschedule the hearing for January 23, 2001, and adjust the briefing schedule accordingly. All other aspects of the procedural schedule remain unchanged.

The new schedule makes it impossible for the Board to issue a decision this calendar year. The Board recognizes that the current waiver extension expires on December 31, 2000. Therefore, the Board, on its own motion, will grant a temporary waiver to maintain the status quo during the pendency of this proceeding. The temporary waiver will expire 30 days after the issuance of the Board's final decision and order in this docket. The grant of this temporary waiver is in no way to be construed as having any impact on the Board's final decision, which will be rendered after hearing evidence and argument.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The hearing in Docket No. WRU-98-39-151 is rescheduled from December 12, 2000, to January 23, 2001, beginning at 10 a.m. The hearing shall be held in the Utilities Board's Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.
2. The parties may file simultaneous briefs on or before February 6, 2001.
3. A temporary waiver of 199 IAC 20.14(3)"b" and "c" is granted to allow the contract to continue for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the Board's issuance of a final decision and order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of November, 2000.